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## Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown below in the Listing of Claims. This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A print control device comprising:

data processing means for generating and/or-or transferring print data in response to a print request;

acquisition means for acquiring print conditions in response to the print request; fixing determining means for fixing variably determining a frequency of determining checking whether a print cancel command is issued, based on the print conditions acquired by the acquisition means; and

determining checking means for determining checking whether a print cancel command is issued as the data processing means generates and/or or transfers the print data at the frequency fixed by the fixing means determined by the determining means.

- (currently amended) A print control device according to claim 1, further comprising receiving means for receiving the print cancel command of the print data through a user interface, wherein the determining checking means determines checks whether the print cancel command is received through the receiving means.
- 3. (original) A print control device according to claim 1, wherein the frequency is a print throughput that is determined based on estimated time needed to perform unit throughput required in the print conditions.
- 4. (currently amended) A print control device according to claim 1, wherein the frequency is fixed determined so that the product of the frequency and estimated time needed to perform unit throughput required in the print conditions remains unchanged under varying print conditions.

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- 5. (currently amended) A print control device according to claim 1, wherein the frequency fixed determined based on the print conditions is a print throughput, and wherein the print throughput is determined based on print cancel intervals.
- 6. (currently amended) A print control device according to claim 1, further comprising suspending means which suspends the generation and/or-or the transfer of the print data by a printer driver if the determining means determines that the print cancel command has been received.
- 7. (original) A print control device according to claim 1, wherein the print conditions comprise at least one of a sheet size, a resolution, and a designation of one of color printing or monochrome printing.
- 8. (currently amended) A data processing method for a print control device for generating and/or or transferring print data in response to a print request, the control method comprising:

an acquisition step for acquiring print conditions in response to the print request;

- a fixing determining step for fixing variably determining a frequency of determining checking whether a print cancel command is issued, based on the print conditions acquired in the acquisition step; and
- a <u>determining checking</u> step for <u>determining checking</u> whether a print cancel command is issued as the print data is generated <u>and/or-or</u> transferred at the frequency <u>fixed in the fixing stepdetermined in the determining step</u>.
- 9. (original) A data processing method according to claim 8, further comprising a receiving step for receiving the print cancel command of the print data through a user interface.

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- 10. (currently amended) A data processing method according to claim 8, wherein the frequency is fixed-determined based on estimated time needed to perform unit throughput required in the print conditions.
- 11. (currently amended) A data processing method according to claim 8, wherein the frequency is fixed determined so that the product of the frequency and estimated time needed to perform unit throughput required in the print conditions remains unchanged under varying print conditions.
- 12. (currently amended) A data processing method according to claim 8, wherein the frequency fixed determined based on the print conditions is a print throughput, and wherein the print throughput is determined based on print cancel intervals.
- 13. (currently amended) A data processing method according to claim 8, further comprising a suspending step for suspending the generation and/or or the transfer of the print data by a printer driver if the print cancel command is determined as being received in the determining step.
- 14. (original) A data processing method according to claim 8, wherein the print conditions comprise at least one of a sheet size, a resolution, and a designation one of color printing or monochrome printing.
- 15. (currently amended) A computer program stored in a storage medium for a data processing method of a print control device for generating and/or-or transferring print data in response to a print request, the computer program comprising program codes for executing:

an acquisition step for acquiring print conditions in response to the print request; a fixing determining step for fixing variably determining a frequency of determining checking whether a print cancel command is issued, based on the print conditions acquired in the acquisition step; and

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a determining checking step for determining checking whether a print cancel command is issued as the print data is generated and/or-or transferred at the frequency fixed in the fixing stepdetermined in the determining step.

16. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a computer program for a data processing method of a print control device for generating or transferring print data in response to a print request, the computer program comprising program codes for executing:

an acquisition step for acquiring print conditions in response to the print request;
a fixing determining step for fixing variably determining a frequency of
determining checking whether a print cancel command is issued, based on the print
conditions acquired in the acquisition step; and

a determining checking step for determining checking whether a print cancel command is issued the as print data is generated and/or or transferred at the frequency fixed in the fixing step determined in the determining step.